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CITIZENS SUMMARY

Findings in the audit of the Division of Professional Registration, State Committee for Social Workers

Background	The State Committee for Social Workers was established by legislation enacted in 1997, replacing the Advisory Committee for Licensed Clinical Social Workers. The Committee assesses social workers' competence to practice by licensing and investigating complaints against practicing social workers. Nine of the ten committee members possess a license to practice social work, and committee members are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.
Committee Appointments	The Division of Professional Registration should improve procedures to ensure State Committee for Social Workers appointments are made in a timely manner. One committee member has been serving more than 10 years, which contradicts a provision of state law. In addition, multiple committee vacancies resulted in the cancellation of a quarterly meeting for failure to constitute a quorum.

In the areas audited, the overall performance of this entity was **Good**.*

*The rating(s) cover only audited areas and do not reflect an opinion on the overall operation of the entity. Within that context, the rating scale indicates the following:

- Excellent:** The audit results indicate this entity is very well managed. The report contains no findings. In addition, if applicable, prior recommendations have been implemented.
- Good:** The audit results indicate this entity is well managed. The report contains few findings, and the entity has indicated most or all recommendations have already been, or will be, implemented. In addition, if applicable, many of the prior recommendations have been implemented.
- Fair:** The audit results indicate this entity needs to improve operations in several areas. The report contains several findings, or one or more findings that require management's immediate attention, and/or the entity has indicated several recommendations will not be implemented. In addition, if applicable, several prior recommendations have not been implemented.
- Poor:** The audit results indicate this entity needs to significantly improve operations. The report contains numerous findings that require management's immediate attention, and/or the entity has indicated most recommendations will not be implemented. In addition, if applicable, most prior recommendations have not been implemented.

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